



Freedom of Information Request – FA 21/03/00345

Visa Applications lodged for various subclasses between 2011-12 and 2020-21 (to 28/02/2021)

Response to FOI request 21/03/00345

Source: Department of Home Affairs, 2021 (DD-9928.01)

Note 1: Includes primary and secondary applicants.

Note 2: Where applicable, with regards to immigration-specific data and as per current privacy guidelines, the Department's policy is to mask numbers which are less than five.

| Client Location | Visa Subclass | Financial Year | | | | | | | | | |
|-----------------|---|----------------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|---------|-----------------------|
| | | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 to 28/02/2021 |
| In Australia | 132 Business Talent | | 41 | 80 | 119 | 177 | 342 | 384 | 394 | 391 | 86 |
| | 151 Former Resident | 569 | 724 | 256 | 221 | 399 | 368 | 251 | 120 | 84 | 56 |
| | 155 Five Year Resident Return | 72,349 | 79,489 | 91,643 | 101,759 | 110,262 | 125,214 | 136,764 | 145,990 | 111,041 | 28,743 |
| | 157 Three Month Resident Return | 175 | 198 | 161 | 123 | 167 | 87 | 61 | 35 | 15 | < 5 |
| | 159 Provisional Resident Return | | | | | 74 | | | | | |
| | 186 Employer Nomination Scheme | | 25,541 | 29,477 | 40,361 | 38,495 | 41,188 | 29,499 | 24,702 | 23,191 | 13,103 |
| | 187 Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme | | 11,056 | 12,537 | 13,964 | 13,568 | 15,285 | 13,059 | 3,209 | 3,895 | 556 |
| | 188 Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional) | | 257 | 492 | 930 | 639 | 1,091 | 1,471 | 1,778 | 1,865 | 507 |
| | 189 Skilled - Independent | | 13,713 | 20,343 | 19,846 | 19,999 | 21,079 | 11,483 | 16,159 | 10,637 | 5,990 |
| | 190 Skilled - Nominated | | 6,005 | 9,234 | 6,891 | 7,206 | 7,545 | 10,283 | 11,466 | 13,907 | 5,309 |
| | 400 Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) | | | | | < 5 | < 5 | < 5 | | | |
| | 401 Temporary Work (Long Stay Activity) | | 703 | 1,312 | 1,291 | 1,462 | 620 | | | | |
| | 402 Training and Research | | 654 | 1,437 | 1,568 | 1,225 | 420 | | | | |
| | 405 Investor Retirement | 87 | 38 | 53 | 73 | 80 | 49 | 81 | 19 | 6 | 10 |
| | 407 Training | | | | | 419 | 852 | 1,801 | 2,148 | | 1,742 |
| | 408 Temporary Activity | | | | | 1,546 | 2,349 | 2,532 | 12,994 | | 25,198 |
| | 410 Retirement | 1,261 | 653 | 37 | 8 | 6 | 12 | 19 | 209 | 624 | 343 |
| | 417 Working Holiday | 26,331 | 33,113 | 37,505 | 32,921 | 28,357 | 25,089 | 27,869 | 27,980 | 28,272 | 26,514 |
| | 420 Temporary Work (Entertainment) | 16 | 191 | 446 | 265 | 290 | 88 | | | | |
| | 445 Dependent Child | | | 25 | 87 | 83 | 131 | 155 | 159 | 127 | 11 |
| | 457 Temporary Work (Skilled) | 51,072 | 74,185 | 42,039 | 48,355 | 48,495 | 47,530 | 27,657 | | | |
| | 461 New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship (Temporary) | 1,348 | 1,650 | 1,707 | 1,789 | 1,998 | 2,149 | 1,948 | 2,134 | 2,220 | 1,239 |
| | 462 Work and Holiday | | | | | 469 | 2,627 | 3,859 | 6,375 | | 6,682 |
| | 488 Superyacht Crew | 25 | 25 | 22 | 41 | 66 | 21 | | | | |
| | 489 Skilled - Regional (Provisional) | | 1,840 | 2,525 | 2,756 | 2,308 | 2,287 | 2,779 | 4,559 | 3,428 | 58 |
| | 491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) | | | | | | | | 5,070 | | 5,258 |

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| | | 2011-12 | 2012-13 | 2013-14 | 2014-15 | 2015-16 | 2016-17 | 2017-18 | 2018-19 | 2019-20 | 2020-21 to 28/02/2021 |
| In Australia | 494 Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional) | | | | | | | | | 314 | 769 |
| | 500 Student | | | | | | 127,087 | 153,252 | 183,724 | 202,423 | 119,473 |
| | 570 Independent ELICOS Sector | 9,377 | 11,528 | 9,798 | 9,507 | 8,656 | | | | | |
| | 571 Schools Sector | 1,509 | 1,260 | 1,107 | 1,110 | 1,116 | | | | | |
| | 572 Vocational Education and Training Sector | 57,109 | 51,080 | 47,693 | 48,751 | 54,396 | | | | | |
| | 573 Higher Education Sector | 59,084 | 58,593 | 54,654 | 51,600 | 53,333 | | | | | |
| | 574 Postgraduate Research Sector | 5,067 | 5,132 | 5,196 | 4,889 | 4,755 | | | | | |
| | 575 Non-Award Sector | 749 | 679 | 591 | 523 | 488 | | | | | |
| | 576 Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector | 691 | 645 | 565 | 695 | 641 | | | | | |
| | 580 Student Guardian | 436 | 364 | 349 | 368 | 424 | | | | | |
| | 590 Student Guardian | | | | | | 493 | 610 | 819 | 797 | 498 |
| | 600 Visitor | | 3,702 | 25,873 | 29,508 | 31,422 | 32,204 | 31,523 | 29,779 | 115,644 | 71,790 |
| | 602 Medical Treatment | | 60 | 304 | 335 | 395 | 469 | 902 | 1,557 | 1,794 | 1,079 |
| | 676 Tourist | 25,022 | 22,544 | < 5 | | | | | | | |
| | 887 Skilled - Regional | 6,561 | 3,597 | 5,125 | 7,331 | 6,992 | 5,785 | 7,181 | 5,453 | 5,976 | 5,439 |
| | 888 Business Innovation and Investment (Permanent) | | 24 | 40 | 58 | 138 | 812 | 2,557 | 4,696 | 5,275 | 3,769 |
| | 890 Business Owner | 456 | 566 | 685 | 773 | 857 | 634 | 309 | 103 | | < 5 |
| | 891 Investor | 17 | 18 | | 5 | < 5 | | 5 | | | |
| 892 State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner | 3,718 | 3,989 | 3,630 | 3,677 | 3,614 | 2,789 | 1,090 | 269 | 11 | | |
| 893 State/Territory Sponsored Business Investor | 462 | 432 | 292 | 291 | 436 | 490 | 305 | 121 | < 5 | | |

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| Outside Australia | 132 Business Talent | 370 | 276 | 667 | 788 | 1,067 | 2,258 | 2,582 | 2,793 | 2,464 | 846 |
| | 151 Former Resident | 95 | 73 | 37 | 31 | 37 | 25 | 16 | < 5 | 10 | < 5 |
| | 155 Five Year Resident Return | 10,416 | 13,556 | 17,926 | 21,543 | 25,256 | 29,392 | 32,195 | 30,418 | 32,272 | 20,739 |
| | 157 Three Month Resident Return | 109 | 111 | 85 | 83 | 114 | 63 | 11 | 60 | 77 | 58 |
| | 159 Provisional Resident Return | 15 | < 5 | < 5 | < 5 | 7 | 69 | < 5 | | < 5 | |
| | 160 Business Owner | 145 | < 5 | < 5 | | | | | | | |
| | 161 Senior Executive | 8 | | | | | | | | | |
| | 162 Investor | 13 | < 5 | | | | | | | | |
| | 163 State/Territory Sponsored Business Owner | 10,476 | 155 | 148 | 114 | 61 | 30 | 8 | < 5 | | |
| | 164 State/Territory Sponsored Senior Executive | 989 | < 5 | 7 | 5 | < 5 | 9 | < 5 | | | |
| | 165 State/Territory Sponsored Investor | 1,448 | 11 | 9 | 10 | 7 | < 5 | | | | |
| | 186 Employer Nomination Scheme | | 4,266 | 4,113 | 6,357 | 6,526 | 9,903 | 5,467 | 3,668 | 3,702 | 2,145 |
| | 187 Regional Sponsored Migration Scheme | | 1,970 | 2,270 | 4,292 | 3,994 | 4,951 | 3,944 | 806 | 1,237 | 176 |
| | 188 Business Innovation and Investment (Provisional) | | 2,506 | 6,069 | 10,257 | 6,970 | 11,343 | 9,811 | 9,956 | 11,064 | 3,289 |
| | 189 Skilled - Independent | | 14,298 | 19,314 | 22,481 | 26,066 | 28,534 | 23,624 | 20,047 | 1,637 | 553 |
| | 190 Skilled - Nominated | | 13,845 | 14,942 | 12,484 | 12,982 | 14,265 | 11,352 | 9,526 | 7,063 | 794 |
| | 400 Temporary Work (Short Stay Activity) | | 7,420 | 43,916 | 58,535 | 58,154 | 50,960 | 47,704 | 46,470 | 31,934 | 5,653 |
| | 401 Temporary Work (Long Stay Activity) | | 844 | 1,874 | 1,699 | 1,659 | 809 | | | | |
| | 402 Training and Research | | 3,411 | 6,799 | 7,133 | 7,241 | 3,531 | | | | |
| | 405 Investor Retirement | 59 | 58 | 56 | 61 | 83 | 64 | 112 | 10 | 6 | 8 |
| | 407 Training | | | | | | 1,932 | 2,380 | 3,269 | 2,811 | 751 |
| | 408 Temporary Activity | | | | | | 23,275 | 65,268 | 55,754 | 43,213 | 4,045 |
| | 410 Retirement | | < 5 | | | < 5 | | | | < 5 | |
| | 417 Working Holiday | 192,792 | 222,624 | 194,168 | 186,184 | 171,889 | 169,355 | 165,370 | 151,525 | 101,278 | 4,530 |
| | 420 Temporary Work (Entertainment) | 17,736 | 18,170 | 19,440 | 18,998 | 18,898 | 10,134 | | | | |
| | 444 Special Category | 1,675,697 | 1,705,150 | 1,762,890 | 1,798,220 | 1,850,308 | 1,921,561 | 1,856,614 | 1,889,988 | 1,396,835 | 23,369 |
| | 445 Dependent Child | 775 | 776 | 588 | 487 | 459 | 531 | 498 | 441 | 277 | 118 |
| | 457 Temporary Work (Skilled) | 82,411 | 80,037 | 50,494 | 54,920 | 51,275 | 53,691 | 32,012 | | | |
| 461 New Zealand Citizen Family Relationship (Temporary) | 1,523 | 1,644 | 1,399 | 1,203 | 1,165 | 1,097 | 791 | 622 | 392 | 109 | |
| 462 Work and Holiday | 8,610 | 9,264 | 10,358 | 12,259 | 19,627 | 20,313 | 22,575 | 25,645 | 23,825 | 2,190 | |
| 488 Superyacht Crew | 243 | 351 | 288 | 434 | 261 | 155 | | | | | |

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| Outside Australia | 489 Skilled - Regional (Provisional) | | 3,201 | 3,718 | 5,394 | 3,967 | 5,540 | 7,740 | 8,690 | 6,408 | 198 |
| | 491 Skilled Work Regional (Provisional) | | | | | | | | | 3,793 | 2,432 |
| | 494 Skilled Employer Sponsored Regional (Provisional) | | | | | | | | | 137 | 234 |
| | 500 Student | | | | | | 247,579 | 260,081 | 289,691 | 192,723 | 61,466 |
| | 570 Independent ELICOS Sector | 22,254 | 21,559 | 23,407 | 26,147 | 30,338 | | | | | |
| | 571 Schools Sector | 8,824 | 8,757 | 10,355 | 12,102 | 12,542 | | | | | |
| | 572 Vocational Education and Training Sector | 23,354 | 18,560 | 21,128 | 25,998 | 37,022 | | | | | |
| | 573 Higher Education Sector | 65,628 | 83,673 | 111,604 | 119,861 | 125,432 | | | | | |
| | 574 Postgraduate Research Sector | 5,998 | 6,435 | 6,593 | 6,594 | 6,804 | | | | | |
| | 575 Non-Award Sector | 15,701 | 17,255 | 18,944 | 18,906 | 20,066 | | | | | |
| | 576 Foreign Affairs or Defence Sector | 5,699 | 6,685 | 6,611 | 6,144 | 5,116 | | | | | |
| | 580 Student Guardian | 1,075 | 1,049 | 1,304 | 1,773 | 1,727 | | | | | |
| | 590 Student Guardian | | | | | | 2,343 | 2,375 | 2,221 | 1,461 | 350 |
| | 600 Visitor | | 297,919 | 1,344,405 | 1,527,732 | 1,753,073 | 2,009,835 | 2,227,158 | 2,268,210 | 1,537,207 | 50,084 |
| | 601 Electronic Travel Authority | | 464,821 | 2,136,073 | 2,226,171 | 2,467,753 | 2,666,277 | 2,723,720 | 2,739,102 | 1,918,862 | 2,614 |
| | 602 Medical Treatment | | 876 | 3,220 | 3,235 | 3,171 | 2,945 | 2,262 | 1,618 | 1,050 | 431 |
| | 651 eVisitor | 420,329 | 490,166 | 595,368 | 661,684 | 714,423 | 827,161 | 901,570 | 928,609 | 795,933 | 9,730 |
| | 676 Tourist | 877,035 | 766,091 | 1,691 | 2,260 | 322 | 6 | | | | |
| 887 Skilled - Regional | | | | | | | | | | 130 | |

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